

Mr. Ridgely submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor and council be, and they are hereby authorised and directed, to have such repairs and improvements as they may deem necessary, made to the public buildings within the State House Circle, and the wall and grounds surrounding the same, including the rendering fire-proof the public offices, with a view to the security and safety of the records and archives of the State; and in order to carry this resolution into effect, they shall have full power and authority to draw from time to time on the Treasurer of the Western Shore, for such sum or sums of money as may be requisite therefore, to any amount not exceeding in the whole eighteen thousand dollars, and the said Treasurer is hereby directed to pay such draughts out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, the house took up for consideration the resolution submitted by him on the 19th inst. in relation to the repairs of the public buildings within the state house circle, and improving the surrounding wall and grounds,

On motion of Mr. Moores, said resolution was amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

*Resolved*, That before any contract is entered into as hereinbefore provided, the clerk of the executive council shall advertise for at least three weeks in two daily papers published in the city of Baltimore, for proposals to contract for making the repairs above required, stating particularly the nature of the work to be performed, and in what manner; and out of the proposals so received, the Executive shall select that which in their judgment will be most advantageous, and shall require the person or person or persons so engaged, to enter bond for the faithful performance of the contract.

Mr. Burchenal moved that said resolutions be rejected.

Mr. Ridgely moved to amend said resolution by striking out in the last line of the first resolution, the word "eighteen," and inserting in lieu thereof "eight."

Mr. Sothoron called for the previous question, and being demanded by a majority of the members present, the said previous question was put, viz. shall the main question be now put, and it was—

Resolved in the affirmative.

Also, the resolution relative to the repairs on the State property; severally endorsed, 'assented to,' ordered to be engrossed,